

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Mark Mattox

Title:

METHOD TO DECREASE IRON

SULFIDE DEPOSITS IN PIPE

LINES

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | | Previously Paid For | | Extra Claims Presen | 3 . | Rate | | Additional Claims Fee |
|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------|------|---------------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims: | 16 | _ | 20 | = | 0 | × | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independents: | 4 | _ | 4 | = | 0 | x | \$84.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: | | | | ims: | + | \$280.00 | = | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | | | CLAIMS | FEE TOTAL: | -= | \$0.00 |

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| \$0.00 | ½ of above): | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | | | |
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37. C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 24 2002, concerning the captioned patent application. In view of the January 24, 2003 due date for a response, this submission is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 5, 9, 11 – 13, 15, and 16, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made." Chemical nomenclature in the claims necessitates the use of brackets. Therefore, only the large bolded brackets ("[]") in the appended marked up version of the claims refer to subject matter Applicant intends to delete by these amendments.

1. (Amended) A method of treating a dry gas pipe line susceptible to the build up of iron sulfide deposits by complexing iron sulfide found in said dry gas pipe lines, the method comprising adding to said dry gas pipe line a composition comprising:

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